## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SERVICE INTEGRATION ADMINISTRATION



**FAS Diagnostic and Prevention Network Satellite Sites** 

2015-17 BIENNIAL BUDGET

<b>Reduction Option</b>	FY16	FY17	15-17
FTE	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)
GF-State	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)	(\$200,000)
Total	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)	(\$200,000)

## **REDUCTION OPTION SUMMARY**

As required by 2015-17 Biennial Budget Instructions, the Behavioral Health and Service Integration Administration (BHSIA) is submitting the following reduction option that would eliminate funding for the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Diagnostic (FASD) Network Satellite Sites used to provide diagnostic and treatment referral services to individuals of all ages with fetal alcohol exposure, offer FAS screening and surveillance for high-risk populations, and deliver identification and referral of high-risk mothers to intervention programs. By implementing this reduction, BHSIA expects this will impact community members in the medical, social service, education, and justice professions; as well as other community members, which may result in a severe reduction in FASD diagnostic options, awareness, and overall visibility in our state as a whole.

## **REDUCTION OPTION DETAIL**

Currently, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Diagnostic and Prevention Network (FASDPN) Satellite Site funds are allocated to provide diagnostics and referrals for those affected by FASD. There are three satellite sites around Washington State, which currently serve a total of 54 clients per year.

This proposal would eliminate the FASDPN Satellite Sites; subsequently affecting around 54 clients per year, as well as FASD affected families in the state of Washington. This will result in a greater financial impact on community resources and or may cause difficulty in families accessing beneficial resources for those affected by FASD. There will not be satellite sites located in local communities for diagnostics and evaluations of affected individuals.

FASDPN satellite sites are required to be established under RCW 70.96A.500, but their establishment is "based on available funds." So as long as the funding for the satellite sites is eliminated by the legislature, there should be no further obligation under the statute to establish them.

## **STAKEHOLDER IMPACT**

This resource is important to parents, adoptive parents, foster parents, guardians, children, other family members, and community resource providers. This resource is typically the beginning of a process for assistance in obtaining valuable knowledge and service direction for a child diagnosed with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders. Without it, caregivers struggle in obtaining the appropriate services needed for their child's special needs.



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